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In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1632
Sweeney *et al.* :
Appln. No.: 09/510,268 : Examiner: A. Baker
Filed: February 22, 2000 :
For: THE USE OF INSULIN-LIKE : Attorney Docket
GROWTH FACTOR-I IN MUSCLE : No. 9596-61U1
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Response is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated May 9, 2001 (Paper No. 6), in the above-captioned application.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-18 and 23, drawn to a method of increasing muscle mass in a vertebrate by administering a nucleic acid encoding insulin-like growth factor I, an isolated nucleic acid, a recombinant virus vector, a host cell, and a kit for increasing muscle mass. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional application.

Favorable examination of the claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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